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1. JANUARY 13 ISRAELI PRESS AGAIN CASTIGATES
TERROR AND HARASSMENT TACTICS OF JEWISH DEFENSE
LEAGUE (JDL) AGAINST SOVIET INSTALLATIONS IN US.
EVEN TWO RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPERS AND GENERALLY
HAWKISH LAMERHAV JOIN IN CRITICIZING JDL
ACTIVITIES.

2. SEMI-OFFICIAL DAVAR EDITORIAL SAYS: "ANYONE
IN HIS SENSES MUST APPROVE PRESIDENT NIXON'S
STATEMENT TO THE JEWISH LEADERS IN THE USA THAT
THE ADMINISTRATION WILL DO ALL IT CAN TO PREVENT
ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST SOVIET INSTITUTIONS IN
THE US. ...WE HAVE SAID MORE THAN ONCE IN THESE
COLUMNS THAT JEWISH TERRORISM IS NO MORE SACRED
THAN ANY OTHER, EVEN IF IT SPROUTS FROM PURE
INTENTIONS AND COMES AS A PROTEST WHICH IS IN
ITSELF JUSTIFIED." DAVAR CHIDES JDL SPECIFICALLY
AS WELL AS OTHERS WHO RESORT TO VIOLENCE IN AID
OF SOVIET JEWRY SAYING: "THEY INTERFERE WITH THE
UNITED STRUGGLE THAT IS BEING CARRIED ON BY
LEGITIMATE MEANS, ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND WITH
DEDICATION, AND WHICH SHOWS SIGNS OF SUCCEEDING."

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3. LEFT-CENTER AL HAMISHMAR (MAPAM) EDITORIAL LAUNCHES TIRADE AGAINST JDL ACTIVITIES SAYING: "THE VIOLENT WAYS OF A HANDFUL OF RIOTERS ARE A BLOW AGAINST THE JEWS OF THE USSR AND THE JEWS OF THE US ALIKE. THEY ARE NO JEWISH PATRIOTS, BUT ANTI-JEWS, AND MUST BE TREATED AS SUCH."

4. LAMERHAV (AHADUT AVODA/LABOR) SAYS THAT "WHOEVER BELIEVES THAT THINGS CAN BE MADE BETTER FOR THE JEWS IN RUSSIA BY TERROR AND BY MAKING TROUBLE FOR RUSSIANS IN THE US IS EITHER A FOOL OR A KNAVE. THE INCIDENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE 'JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE' CAN ONLY HAMPER THE JUST STRUGGLE FOR THE CAUSE OF SOVIET JEWS AND SERVE MOSCOW'S INTERESTS. SUCH ACTIVITIES, IMMIGRANTS FROM USSR BELIEVE, MAY MAKE IT EVEN HARDER FOR THE JEWS WHO ARE FORCED TO ACT AGAINST THEIR CONSCIENCES AND WHO STRUGGLE BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN."

...THE JDL WAS FORMED TO DEFEND JEWS IN THE US WHO WERE VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE, BUT ITS LEADERS AND MEMBERS HAVE ALLOWED THEMSELVES TO BE DRAGGED INTO VIOLENCE AS WELL."

5. HAMODIA (AGUDAT ISRAELI RELIGIOUS PARTY) NOTES JDL'S DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR BOMBING OF SOVIET INSTALLATIONS IN WASHINGTON BUT SAYS: "ABUSING CIVIC LIBERTIES IN THE US FOR A VIOLENT CAMPAIGN FOR THE RIGHTS OF JEWS ELSEWHERE MAY AROUSE ANTI-SEMITIC ELEMENTS IN AMERICA. ...THE FULL WEIGHT OF INFLUENCE MUST BE BROUGHT TO BEAR TO RESTRAIN THIS GROUP (JDL) WHICH IS LIABLE TO PUT THE STRUGGLE FOR THE RIGHTS OF SOVIET JEWRY ON A VERY DANGEROUS TRACK."

6. SHEARIM (PAOLET AGUDAT ISRAELI - WORKERS' WING OF AGUDAT ISRAELI) TERMS JDL "A SMALL GROUP OPERATING AGAINST THE WILL OF THE JEWISH LEADER AND THE JEWISH MASSES ALL OVER THE WORLD (WHICH) HAS ACCEPTED COURSES OF ACTION THAT CAN ONLY HARM OUR OPPRESSED BROTHERS IN THE USSR. ...WE OPPOSE THE METHODS OF THE LEAGUE ON PRINCIPLE, JUST AS WE OBJECT TO THROWING BOMBS, TO HIJACKING PLANES OR KID."

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